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Burlington Design Advisory Board  
149 Church Street  
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Attention: Mary O'Neil

Re: **Von Turkovich/Miller Colchester Ave/Fletcher PI Project**  
**Design Advisory Board : January 12, 2016**

Dear Design Advisory Board:

At the Sketch Plan meeting held before the Burlington Design Review Board on November 4, 2015, the applicant indicated that geotechnical analyses had been performed regarding the von Turkovich/Miller Colchester Ave/ Fletcher Place project presently before the city.

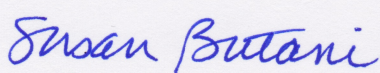
We believe that the applicant's latest proposed project may sit on or be adjacent to land with a challenging topography. This includes unknown landfill (supposedly done in part to address runoff and flooding), a steep ravine and an underground stream that empties into the Winooski River.

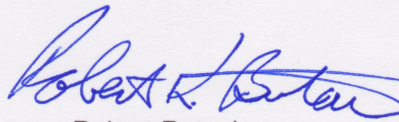
These features add to our concerns regarding this proposed project which is massive in scale and is out of character with the surrounding historical neighborhood. Although this is a sketch plan review, it seems that this is the time to ensure that the placement of this project at this location is appropriate. A second look at the analyses already completed can provide clarification of development options, provide re-assurance to the applicant and neighbors and provide an opportunity, if necessary, for re-evaluation and adjustment of the project.

We request that the applicant provide all geotechnical studies and/or analyses that are in existence. We request these analyses now in order to be able to review them and offer comments in connection with the applicant's representations and conclusions.

We further request that this letter be posted on the Burlington Design Advisory Board's public website.

Thank you,

  
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